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Dear Kate

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 8 April 2021 to the NZ Police requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). This was transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on 20 April 2021 as the information you are seeking is falls within our operational responsibilities. I understand that your request is for:

*[...] any info of car crashes that have happened on Vanguard St, Nelson in the last 3 months.  
Around the vicinity of 73 Vanguard St.  
[...] how many crashes, minor or major there have been in this time frame.*

The Crash Analysis System records four crashes on Vanguard Street, Nelson in 2021, one serious and three minor crashes. None of these were in the vicinity of 73 Vanguard Street. However due to police reporting time frames and subsequent data processing there is a lag from the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS; therefore the crash data for 2021 may be incomplete.

You will also find a map of this data enclosed as Appendix 1.

It is important to note the following in relation to the information provided:

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version 2.1.0
- Waka Kotahi maintains the Crash Analysis System which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- Data is for all crashes for the year 2021 as recorded in CAS to date - 27/04/2021.
- Data is limited to crashes on Vanguard Street, Nelson.
- A crash, to be recorded in CAS has to have occurred on a road. The CAS definition of a road is any street, motorway or beach, or a place to which the public have access with a motor vehicle, whether as of right or not e.g. a public car park.
- Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes it is believed that these are under-reported, with the level of under-reporting decreasing with the severity of the crash.
- 2021 data may be incomplete.

For future queries of this nature, you can head to our Waka Kotahi [Open Data Portal](#)<sup>1</sup>. Here you can instantly view, interrogate, and download Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency data that has been made publicly available.

You can find our crash data in our [CAS \(Crash Analysis System\) interactive map](#)<sup>2</sup>, or through our [CAS data page](#)<sup>3</sup>. [User guides](#)<sup>4</sup> for the agency's open data portal are available if you require them.

In accordance with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will be published on our website in due course.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Frances Adank, Media Manager, by email to [frances.adank@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:frances.adank@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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<sup>1</sup> <https://opendata-nzta.opendata.arcgis.com/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://maphub.nzta.govt.nz/cas/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://opendata-nzta.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/crash-analysis-system-cas-data-1>

<sup>4</sup> <https://opendata-nzta.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/how-to-use-the-open-data-portal>

### Appendix 1: Map of 2021\* crashes on Vanguard Street, Nelson

\* 2021 data is incomplete and is current from CAS as at 27/04/2021.

